S. No.	*Revenue District*	*No. of permanent godowns owned by FCI (including CAP godowns)*	*No .of temporary godowns taken on hire by FCI from other agencies (including CAP godowns)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
53.	Sitapur	1	1
54.	Hardwar	–	4
55.	Pauri Garhwal	–	1
	Total:	75	106

Rearing of Honey Bees

1090. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Forest formulated a scheme for rearing of honey bees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the procedure followed for selling this product?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The Ministry of Environment & Forests have not received any report from the State Govts regarding formulation of scheme by forest departments for rearing honey bees.

Replacement of Old Coaches

1091. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the old coaches are proposes to be replaced; and

(b) if so, the names of trains in Bareilly division on North Eastern Railway where coaches are proposed to be replaced alongwith the number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Old coaches are replaced on age-cum-condition basis regularly on Railways.

(b) Replacement of coaches is not done rake-wise. Old coaches are condemned and replacement provided to the Railways.

[*English*]

Privatisation of Railway Sectors

1092. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
KUMARI UMA BHARTI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set

up a panel to suggest ways and means for improving the railways;

(b) if so, whether this panel has recommended privatisation of several railway sectors;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the panel;

(d) the number of recommendations examined by the Government;

(e) the steps taken to implement these recommendations;

(f) the segments which have been allotted/proposed to be allotted to private sector and details of proposals received in this regard; and

(g) the number of employees likely to be rendered surplus as a result thereof and whether those employees would be absorbed in other segments of operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No panel has been set up to suggest ways and means for improving the railways.

(b) Railway transport is reserved for the public sector in the new industrial policy of the Government. An internal committee of Advisers in the Railway Board has been constituted to examine areas of possible privatisation of railway activities within this policy framework. The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(c) to (e). Do not arise.

(f) Some railway catering establishments are proposed to be privatised.

(g) No employee will be retrenched.

Recovery Rate of Cancer Patients

1093. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recovery rate of cancer patients in the country is lower than that of the rate in advanced countries;

(b) if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide medicines at lower cost to the poor cancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). There is no reliable data to indicate that the recovery rate of cancer patients in India is lower than that of the rate in advanced countries. However, a large number of cancer patients in this country come for treatment at an advanced stage of the disease when no meaningful treatment is possible. Therefore, in the National Cancer Control Programme a much greater emphasis is now being given on prevention and early detection of cancer.

(c) In Government Hospitals treatment is provided to cancer patients either free or at a subsidised cost depending on the financial status of the patients.

New Coaches for 'Palace on Wheels'

1094. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the Government of Rajasthan to pay its share for manufacturing of new coaches for the 'Palace on Wheels';

(b) if so, the details and the out come thereof;

(c) the other steps being taken by the Government for manufacturing new coaches for this train;

(d) whether the number of passengers travelling in the train is decreasing; and